GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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LACK OF GOD OWNS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct godowns in the rural areas under the central scheme;

(b) if so, whether some States have been left out from the said scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the criteria followed in determining the number of rural godowns to be constructed in various States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government has sanctioned for construction of 127 lakh tonne storage capacity in rural areas upto December, 2004, out of envisaged capacity of 140 lakh tonnes during 10th plan period, under the Central Sector scheme of construction/renovation of rural godowns.

(b) and (c) The scheme is applicable in all states throughout the country.

(d) Under the scheme of Construction/renovation of Rural Godowns, projects can be taken up by individuals, corporations or other permitted agencies in a state on the basis of economic feasibility and demand and supply, mechanism. However, to ensure adequate opportunity for all the states the sanction of projects in a state is restricted to a maximum of 28 lakh tones capacity (20% of the total capacity of 140 lakh tones envisaged during 10th plan).